districts in Uttar Pradesh have been under the jaws of small-pox apidemia recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent and eradicate the epidemic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). India was declared small pox free by an International Commission for Assessment of Small Pox Eradication in April, 1977. The Position continues to be the same.

Ban on Private Practice

1385. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some states have banned the private practice by Government doctors;

(b) if so, the name of such States;

(c) whether the doctors are provided with some other facilities in lieu of their banning private practice; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d). The State Government were requested to take steps to phase out the system of private practice by medical personnel in Government service. State-wise data on ban on private practice by Government doctors is not available. However, Central Government doctors are not allowed to do private practice. As a measure of compensation, Non-Practice Allowence is being given to such doctors.

Pass percentage of Results Declared by CBSE

1386. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any decline in pass percentage of Class X and Class XII results declared by the CBSE in Delhi in June, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present pass percentage as compared to the pass percentage of the last three years;

(d) whether the CBSE has made it mandatory to clear all the five subjects in class X;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government have received any representations against the CBSE decision; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c). The information furnished by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) regarding Pass percentage of Class X and Class XII results declared by the Board in the Delhji Region is given below :

Year	Class X	Class XII
1993	50.5	64.9
1994	55.9	68.0
1995	49.6	65.6
1996	48.3	68.9

(d) to (g). In order to bring about uniformity with other Boards in the country, the CBSE have adopted a revised pass criteria requiring the class X candidates to pass in all the five subjects of external examination conducted by the Board with effect from March, 1995 onwards. Opinions were expressed in some quarters against the above mentioned decision by the Board decided not to make any change in the revised pass criteria.

[Translation]

Facilities to Sainiks/Ex-Servicemen

1387 SHRI KACHARUBHAU RAUT :
SHRI DATTA MEGHE :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide more facilities-concessions to the sainiks/ex-servicemen and their widows; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b). Improving the facilities/concessions admissible to ex-Servicemen and their families is an ongoing process. Government have set up Fifth Central Pay Commission. The terms of reference of the Pay Commission inter-alia include examination of present structure of emoluments, pension, conditions of service and also the variety of allowances and benefits in kind that are presently available to Central Government employees including Armed Forces Personnel and to make recommendations relating thereto which may be desirable and feasible.

Diseases in Rainy Season

1388. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether every year hundreds of persons die of Cholera, blood dysentry, diarrhoea and brain fever in Vananchal region of Bihar during rainy season;

(b) if so, whether the Government have formulated any concrete programme to prevent this and other States also;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Information has been sought from the State Government.

(b) to (d). Chief Secretaries of all the States/Union Territories have been requested to review ar rangements to avert the outbreak of epidemics during the vulnerable period. The Union Government provides technical support through the National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD), Delhi in investigating outbreaks and taking remedial measures.

In addition the following measure are also normally taken by health authorities to check these diseases :

1. Provision of safe drinking water.
2. Improvement of food and personal hygiene.
3. Safe disposal of human excreta.
4. Appropriate Health Education.
5. Surveillance and monitoring.
6. Distribution of chlorine tablets and ORS packets.

[English]

Setting up of K.V. at Tellichery in Kerala

1389. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work on setting up of Kendriya Vidyalaya at Tellichery in Cannanore district, Kerala has been completed; and

(b) if not, the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The sponsoring authority has not provided requisite land and temporary accommodation as per norms for opening a Kendriya Vidyalaya at Tellichery.

Construction of Bund by Bangladesh

1390. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of his Ministry was drawn by Members of Parliament to the construction of a Bund on Dharla River by Bangladesh authorities in Burimari Village of Lalmonirhat district, Bangladesh, during the period from January 1, 1994 to June, 30, 1996.

(b) if so, the action taken, so far, by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the matter was taken up by the Government with the Bangladesh authorities; and

(d) if so, when and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). the construction of a bund on river Dharla by Bangladesh started in the last week of March, 1994. This bund is located at village Burimari, Distt. Lalmonirhat, the Indo-Bangladesh border. Immediately on learning about the construction, the Border Security Force of India protested to Bangladesh Rifles at the commandant level on 26th & 28th April, 1994 and requested suspension of work pending our examination of the possible adverse consequences for India from the short circuiting of the loop through the construction of the bund. The matter was also taken up formally with the Government of Bangladesh in May, 1994. The Government of Bangladesh has clarified that the short circuiting of the loop in the river Dharla would in no way adversely affect the Indian territory or the inhabitants thereof. Site inspection by relevant authorities of our Ministry of Water Resources on 8th June, 1994 also did not reveal occurrence of any adverse impact in our territory. The Ministry of Water Resources have also not received any report from Government of West Bengal regarding any adverse impact in the State due to Bund.

Research proposals lying unattended due to financial crisis

1391. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the research works under different universities of the country are currently facing difficulties due to non-avilability of funds from the University Grants Commission; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). UGC provides requisite financial assistance to various Universities and Colleges for execution of research projects in various subjects & disciplines. It is, however, not always possible to accommodate all proposals due to financial constraints.